

After 5 days, return to

Walter House

GALESBURG, ILL.



Mrs J. Woods.  
Batavia

Ohio.

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Galesburg Ill

Oct 19<sup>th</sup>

My Darling

I wrote to you  
last Sunday and didn't  
hear from you yet  
so I think take that you  
didn't get my letter  
so I am going to write  
again

You made a great howl  
about me not writing  
long letters that one I  
wrote Sunday was long  
enough It took me all  
day to write it

We had some more excitement  
in town to day a nigger

Killed a nigger in a fight  
in a saloon this afternoon  
with a ~~knife~~ razor and  
they were after him red hot  
down where we are working  
I heard some say that they  
got him and some that they  
didn't so I don't know  
but if they did there is danger  
of a lynching to night  
for the sweds are very  
much excited about it  
I wish they would string the  
black bastards up the niggers  
just about run this town any  
way

Say old Bill Smith is back  
at Monmouth again what you

think of that boarding at  
her grandmother's I have  
seen the time that she would-  
nt go near there

Smith said that Island sent  
her a pass

The paving job is to be  
let the 12<sup>th</sup> of this month so  
I expect they will be at work  
on it by the 20<sup>th</sup> this job  
will last four weeks yet any  
way

I made 2.56\$ yesterday and  
the same to day now is that  
we have the corners nearly  
all cut we cut corners all day  
tues day I cut 6 and got 13<sup>4</sup>  
a piece for them

if I cut 128 feet by saturday  
I will draw \$5.00\$ saturday  
and that aint so bad for two  
week and I can cut it all  
right if nothing happens

I got another book the other  
night Edmundantes by  
Lumas a segual to the  
Count of Monte Cristo I tell  
you that old boy is all right  
Say I sent you some money  
in my last letter and if  
you dont get it it will be  
lost it was a brand new  
penny and if you want any  
more I will send it to you  
I want to know when you will  
get to monmouth what time

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o-day and all about it and  
I will try and be there to meet  
you I thought I would go down  
next sunday but I guess I won't  
It aint very long now till the 14th  
And won't I be glad to see you  
once more I'll bet you alwas  
you don't get to go away again  
very soon and stay a month  
unless I go along

Tell your Ma that she will  
have to stay with you till that  
job starts in Monmouth  
Mrs Visel & the kid came  
to Galesburg last night  
but I haven't seen her yet  
Visel says he has 30,000  
feet of curb down by St Louis

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and wants me to go down  
there and work for him  
but I have had about enough  
I am getting as poor as  
the d----- the dust does  
me up

Say I have only one sheet  
of paper so you can't expect  
a very long letter next time  
if you didn't get my last  
letter I will tell you all  
about that shooting scrape  
Saturday night when I stay on  
I tell you there was all kinds  
of news in that letter  
well I must quit and go to  
bed I want to eat 80 feet to-morrow  
good night Sweet heart kiss your  
self for me Roy